Discharge of industrial wastes in Yamuna

†3777. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA :

SHRI MOTILAL VORA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that polluted water and industrial waste was discharged in Eastern Yamuna Canal by Haryana on 12th February, 2003;

(b) whether it is also a fact that quantum of pollution was so much that Delhi Jal Board as forced to close its Haiderpur and Nangloi Water Treatment Plant;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government against Government of Haryana; and

(d) the steps taken to avoid reoccurrence of such incident in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) and (b) As reported by the Delhi Jal Board, the Water Treatment Plants at Haiderpur and Nangloi had to be closed due to high ammonia content in the raw water of Western Yamuna Canal due to discharge of municipal sewage and wastewater from industries in Haryana.

(c) and (d) To control pollution in Western Yamuna Canal, the Central Pollution Control Board has issued directions under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the polluting industries. Directions have also been issued to the Haryana State Pollution Control Board to control pollution in the canal.

Cleaning of Yamuna river

3778. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Japanese Government gave a grant of Rs. 600 crore for cleaning up Yamuna river;

(b) whether it is also a fact that substantial amount has been spent but Yamuna remains as polluted as before;

(c) the amount of money spent and the details of cleaning work completed so far; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.